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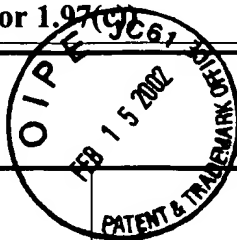
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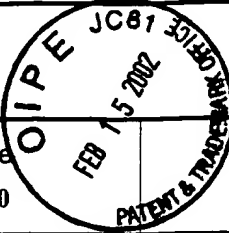
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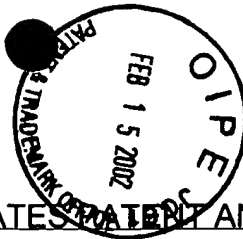
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- _____ In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure, Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith a copy of a Foreign Search Report in a counterpart application and copies of the reference(s) indicated therein.
- _____ In the event that the Foreign Search Report is in a foreign language, a translation thereof is herewith submitted.
- X Attached hereto is a FORM PTO 1449 listing the references.
- _____ Attached hereto is a copy of a reference cited in the specification of the application as filed. The specification itself recites the relevance of these documents.
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_____ Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.


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_____ Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.

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Respectfully submitted,


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The following references are named in this office action for the first time (their numbering applies for the further proceeding as well):

- (1) DE 44 25 493 C2
- (2) DE 21 55 279 A1
- (3) EP 0 738 636 A1

The closest publication (2) shows a spraying nozzle for windshield wipers with which, as in the application, a continuous water passage 15 connecting to the water line is provided in the housing 14 or in a nozzle body 17 connected thereto, from which water passage 15 a connecting passage 19 continues that leads to a spraying passage 19—approximately parallel to the water passage 15—having a nozzle opening 20, wherein the water passage 15 is closed on its exposed end by means of the nozzle body 17. This information directs the attention of one skilled in the art to the circumstance of using locking closures for nozzle part and water connection on rigid body surfaces or moved wiper arms. The primary claim is therefore not allowable due to lack of attaining the level of invention of its subject.

Subclaims 2, 3, 7 and 10 through 12 are also rendered obvious by the prior art.

Claims 4 through 6, 8, 9, and 13 through 22 are new and represent advantageous embodiments, for one skilled in the art, a result of his object-specific activity.

An independent inventive activity is hereby not discernible.

With the acknowledged documents, the granting of a patent cannot be promised.

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